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The Democratic State Convention.

The Democratic nominee for Governor of Connecticut is Hon. O. S. SEYMOUR, formerly a member of Congress from that State, and not Hon. THOMAS H. SEYMOUR, as has been stated—the latter having declined.

The following Delegates to the National Democratic Convention were appointed:

First District—Hon. W. W. Eaton, of Hartford.
Second District—Charles R. Ingersoll, of New Haven.
Third District—Wm. M. Converse, of Franklin.
Fourth District—George Taylor, of New Milford.

The delegates from the various counties were also chosen as follows:

Hartford County—A. E. Burr, of Hartford.
New Haven County—Nathan A. Baldwin, of Milford.
New London County—F. L. Allen, of New London.
Fairfield County—W. F. Taylor, of Danbury.
Litchfield County—Roland Hitchcock, of Winchester.
Windham County—F. S. Burgess, of Plainfield.
Middlesex County—Isaac Arnold, of Had-dam.
Tolland County—Charles F. Sumner, of Bolton.

On motion of Mr. Olmstead, of Stamford, each delegate was empowered to select a substitute.

Congressional Summary.

The following is a brief abstract of the principal proceedings in Congress during the week ending Monday evening, February 28:

On Tuesday, in the Senate, an amendment to the bill to equalize the pay of soldiers in the army, proposed by Mr. Davis of Kentucky, to disarm the negro troops, was voted down by 37 to 7.

The House refused to agree to the report of the committee on the Conference on the whisky bill, and another committee was appointed.

On Wednesday, in the Senate, bills to enable the people of Nevada and Colorado to form a Constitution, and to admit them to the Union, after amendments, were passed.

The joint resolutions to revive the grade of Lieutenant General came up. A long debate ensued. The amendment striking out the name of General Grant was adopted by 72 to 72. Mr. Conness offered an amendment that the Lieutenant created by the bill should be Commander-in-Chief during the pleasure of the President. Rejected—10 to 28. The joint resolution as amended was then passed by 31 to 16.

In the House, a bill was passed transferring the appointment of the War Department to the District of Columbia to the President. In committee of the Whole an amendment to the naval appropriation bill to pay seamen in gold or its equivalent, was rejected by a vote of 15 to 85.

On Thursday, the Senate rejected the report of the committee on the revenue bill, and appointed Messrs. Sherman, Clark and Nesmith as a new committee to consider the bill.

The Military committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending bounties to April 1.

In the House, the Naval Appropriation bill was taken up and discussed at length. Mr. Stevens moved a new section appropriating a sum not exceeding \$200,000 for the erection of floating docks for monitors at the New York and Philadelphia Navy Yards, which was agreed to, and the bill passed.

On Friday, the Senate agreed to the report of the committee of Conference on the Lieutenant-General bill, and adjourned till Monday.

In the House, resolutions of thanks to Admiral Porter and Commodore Ringgold, their officers and men, were passed. The joint resolution to extend the time for the payment of bounties to the first of April, was passed. A bill was passed to lay down the military bill in North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and other Southern States, to be enlisted in the army, with all the privileges under the existing law in regard to pay, bounty, discharge, and other matters.

The House decided that Mr. McKenize was not entitled to a seat. Mr. Washburne, from the Committee on the Judiciary, stated that the House committee had agreed to the Senate's amendment by striking out the recommendation that General Grant be appointed Lieutenant-General, for the reason that they had every reason to believe that the report of the committee was untrue.

On Saturday, in the House, nothing was done but making speeches. In a speech, Mr. Blair, of Missouri, said:

The Navy Department sought investigation. Not so the Treasury Department. A more profligate administration than that of the latter never existed. Recently in Baltimore a permit was given to a notorious blockade runner, whose vessels had more than once been seized by the navy.

In alluding to Pomeroy's recent circular he spoke of its design as an intrigue against the man who had confided to Chase a portfolio, but the President was doubtless satisfied. Every day Chase remained in the cabinet was for him to sink deeper into the contempt of every honorable man.

On Monday, in the Senate, the bill to extend the payment of bounties to April 1, was recommitted to the Senate Finance committee, to await the judgment of the President and Secretary of War. The House bill on the same subject was recommitted to the committee on Military Affairs.

A party of gentlemen on the beach made a raid into the sea, doing considerable damage. They destroyed and carried off a large amount of property.

One of the most prominent citizens and business men of the town, Mr. Hap, was killed.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

IMPORTANT FROM MOBILE.

Proclamation by the Governor of Alabama.

SPEECH OF JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following communication from Maj. Gen. Maury, says the Mobile Advertiser and Register, was received this morning, and it is our duty to lay it before the citizens of Mobile:

"MOBILE, Feb. 10, 1864.

"DEAR SIR: I have just been informed by General Polk that the enemy is moving from Mobile against Mobile. It is, therefore, my duty to ask all persons who can not take part in the defense of the city to leave it. I am, sir,

"Very truly and respectfully yours,

"DABNEY MAURY,

"Major General Commanding.

"To Col. JOHN ROBERTS, Mobile."

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN M. WITHERS.

We learn that this brave, skillful and highly distinguished officer has been assigned, by order of Lieutenant-General Polk, to the command of a new military district, which will embrace all that portion of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana extending to parallel 32, to be known as the District of Alabama.

Gen. Withers' headquarters will be at Montgomery—Sema Reporter.

[From the Mobile Register.]

THE ENEMY AND MOBILE.

The more we reflect upon it, the less we are disposed to believe that Gen. Sherman is marching from Mobile upon the city, and we should not be surprised to learn that, having cleared his front of the Confederates by the use of his heavy artillery, he has moved on to the city.

line he must open a new road for a large part of the way. The country is destitute of supplies, and he must haul all his subsistence to the city. This would require a train of 3,000 wagons—one heavy train would stop his artillery and baggage trains. If he should succeed in getting here, and plant himself in front of our fortifications, what he live on. He cannot be supplied from a base two hundred miles distant.

When we hear that the enemy has established a base on the coast and opened a water communication for his supplies, we shall begin to think that Gen. Sherman is serious in the enormous task movement he is now supposed to be making. At present we do not credit it. Again, does any one suppose that Sherman is dragging a siege-train from Vicksburg to this place. And without it he nearly three months ago. Admit that he has sixty-five pieces of artillery. If it is field artillery, he might have a thousand and do us no harm. It is stated, and repeated, that Sherman's army is moving light, and very little baggage of any sort—not even a large subsistence train—and that he started with twelve days' cooked rations.

Gen. Polk has immense responsibilities on his shoulders. He hopes he will not be caught napping and outgeneraled by his astute Yankee foe. To prevent it he will have to get up early in the morning, and be at his post night and day.

Correspondence of the Knoxville and Atlanta Registers.

THE FRONT—HOPEFUL CONDITION OF THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

TUNNEL HILL, Ga., Feb. 9, 1864.

Once more "on the front." After an absence of over a month from the vicinity of the Army of Tennessee, our command is again located near this little village. There is a good deal of news and excitement along the lines. Scarcely a skirmish occurs to vary the monotony. This winter has been marked by the most profound quietude this army has enjoyed during the war. How different from the history of the past two winters. Two years ago, in mid-winter, the nucleus of this army was nobly battling in the frozen ditches of Fort Donelson, and dragging its weary form from Fishing Creek and Bowling Green. But this winter, the army had barely selected comfortable camping places, when the thunder of the enemy's guns called it to the front along Stone river. From that time until spring opened, but little rest was enjoyed by any except the fallen heroes, who were taking the "rest that knows no breaking." So the calm which the Army of Tennessee has enjoyed for the past three months, has been most acceptable. Many have been permitted to visit their homes, and have come back with warmer hearts and strengthened resolutions; while time has been given for the clothing and equipment of the army.

Even quite a change has taken place in regard to the comfort and spirit of the army, since we left here six weeks ago. Then, the soldier shivered around the camp fire as he bivouacked beneath the frosty sky, and the night was cold and clear, he rests snugly in his winter quarters. Last winter, the army had barely selected comfortable camping places, when the thunder of the enemy's guns called it to the front along Stone river. From that time until spring opened, but little rest was enjoyed by any except the fallen heroes, who were taking the "rest that knows no breaking." So the calm which the Army of Tennessee has enjoyed for the past three months, has been most acceptable. Many have been permitted to visit their homes, and have come back with warmer hearts and strengthened resolutions; while time has been given for the clothing and equipment of the army.

Gen. Johnston has been working wonderfully. Every one seems to have confidence in his military capacity. All seem willing to trust him, in directing the fortunes of this army, in the tremendous struggle which we all know spring will soon bring upon us. I was in the trenches of the "Grand Review," several days since, and I saw the regiments pass by; saw the contented, even buoyant, expression on the faces of the men. I could not but be astonished at the change which had taken place in the army, who, at the beginning of the winter, were depressed and low-spirited to an alarming extent. I predict, that when they meet the foe again, it will be with the same wild courage that sent him from the historic field of Chickamauga, covering into his defenses at Chattanooga.

The news, coming in from our quarters, has an inspiring effect upon us. We hear each day that the vow that has been made by so many noble hearts in this army, never to lay down their arms till our country is free from the invader, is being echoed back from the banks of the Rapidan, and from the veteran armies of Longstreet and Beauregard. We hear that Congress, at last, is taking some measures which promise to do up the thin ranks of the army. Tennesseeans hear, with pleasure, that Longstreet is driving the enemy from one section of their State; while in another their countrymen are flocking to the standard of gallant old Forrest.

If the weather continues good for a few weeks longer, the roads will be in good enough condition for Generals Johnston and Grant to give another "grand review," a la mode Chickamauga. Rest assured that if such a thing should occur, our reinvigorated troops will do their duty handsomely.

DANBRIDGE.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, February 8, 1864.

To the People of Alabama:

The recent action of Congress has deprived the State of much of the materials

THE FLORIDA DISASTER.

Result of Mr. Lincoln's Last Political Military Move.

The Federal Forces Defeated at Olustee—Fifteen Hundred Killed and Wounded—The Disaster Not Half Told.

[From the New York World.]

The preliminaries of the movement into Florida, made for the purpose of enabling, or forcing, the inhabitants of that State to avail themselves of the Amnesty proclamation of the President of the United States, and of serving other patriotic purposes of Mr. Lincoln, have become familiar. That expedition, organized in General Gilmore's department under the direction of John Reynolds, arrived at Jacksonville, Florida, on the following evening. The expedition bivouacked at Baldwin on the evening of the 9th. On the 17th, the General commanding issued an order, announcing that up to that time property valued at over one and a half millions of dollars had fallen into Federal possession.

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